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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to determination of the filing fee, please amend the instant application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 1, insert the following:

-- This application is a continuation of commonly assigned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/101,723, filed July 8, 1998, incorporated herein by reference, which is a National Phase of PCT Patent Application No. PCT/IL97/00012, filed ~~Jan. 8, 1997~~ ^{Jan. 8, 1997} February 5, 1997. --

Page 1, line 14, after "1996" insert ~~1996~~ --, now U.S. Patent No. 5,738,096 --.

Page 10, line 32, change "of" to -- or --.

Page 34, line 25, change "filed" to -- field --.

Page 42, between lines 27 and 28, insert the following paragraph:

-- An implantable light source 57 (Fig. 4B) can be used instead of the electrical controller, which generates pulses of light that are transmitted to at least one light source(s) 59 adjacent to a site of the heart, through waveguides 52a. Similarly, when radio frequency is employed to